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In re application of: Jefferson G. Shingleton	Attorney Docket No.: PWRL 1030-3
Application No.: 10/802,116	Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: March 16, 2004	Group: 1753
Title: Tracking Solar Collecting Assembly	Confirmation No.: 3332
	Customer No. 22470

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
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	A1	3,565,719		Webb	02-23-1971	
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Applicant's or agent's file reference
PWRL 1029-5

FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below

International application No.
PCT/US04/07029

International filing date
(day/month/year) 09 March 2004 (09.03.2004)

Applicant
POWERLIGHT CORPORATION

1. ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority have been established and are transmitted herewith.
- Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:
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- Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO, 34 chemin des Colombettes
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3. ☐ With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:
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4. Reminders

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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Applicant's or agent's file reference PWRL 1029-5	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/US04/07029	International filing date (day/month/year) 09 March 2004 (09.03.2004)	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 10 March 2003 (10.03.2003)
Applicant POWERLIGHT CORPORATION		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 3 sheets.



It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the Report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.



The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).



b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box No. II)

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box No. III)

4. With regard to the title,



the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,



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the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the drawings,

- a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 13



as suggested by the applicant.



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b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US04/07029

Box IV TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)

The abstract is too long (PCT Rule 8.1(b)). The abstract must be less than 150 words, or 200 words when no figure is to be published.

NEW ABSTRACT

A modular shade system (60) includes torque tubes, each torque tubes (72), a series of solar tracking panels (64) mounted to the torque tubes to create spaced-apart rows (62) of panels, at least some of the panels being solar collector panels. A shade structure (66) is positioned at a selected location above the support surface so to provide an enhanced shaded region (92) thereunder. A support structure includes a first mounting assembly (68, 70) mounting each torque tube above the support surface for rotation about the torque tube axis and a second mounting assembly (88, 90, 96, 72, 68, 70) supporting the shade structure at the selected location. A tilting assembly (76) selectively rotates each torque tube about its axis. Another aspect of the invention is directed to a modular shade system (10) comprising a support structure (12) defining a shading area (31).

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US04/07029

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : H01L 31/042, 31/04, 31/052

US CL : 136/251, 244, 291, 246

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 136/251, 244, 291, 246

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5,505,788 A (DINWOODIE) 09 April 1996 (09.04.1996), column 11, lines 37-67, and Figure 7b.	25-35, 37-46
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X	US 4,429,178 A (PRIDEAUX et al) 31 January 1984 (31.01.1984), column 4, lines 7-49, and Figure 3.	1-24
A	US 3,565,719 A (WEBB) 23 February 1971 (23.02.1971).	1-47
A	US 2003/0005954 A1 (EMOTO et al) 09 January 2003 (09.01.2003).	1-47

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☐ See patent family annex.

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